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SUBJECT : GULF AIR BOEING PURCHASE: CONTRACT SIGNED

1. ACCORDING TO THE ARABIC DAILY, AKBAR AL-KHALLEJ, GULF AIR MANAGING DIRECTOR SALIM BIN NASSIR AL-BUSAIDI AND BOEING REGIONAL DIRECTOR ROY PATERSON SIGNED A CONTRACT JULY 11 8, MANAMA FOR FIVE BOEING 737 AIRCRAFT. THEY NOTED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE DELIVERED TO GULF AIR IN MID-1977.

2. SALIM BIN NASSIR MADE POINT, ACCORDING TO PAPER, THAT DECISION TO BUY BOEING WAS UNANIMOUS ON PART OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BASICALLY WITH A VIEW TO STANDARDIZING THE FLEET AND HAVING EASY ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FACILITIES IN THE REGION.

3. JUNE 21 EDITION OF ENGLISH-LANUAGE GULF WEEKLY MIRROR CARRIES LETTER TO EDITOR FROM BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION  
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GENERAL SALES MANAGER, R. WOOD, SIMILAR TO HIS LETTER REPORTED

IN MANAMA 714, PARA 4. IN THIS LETTER HE REFERS TO RECENT PRESS  
INTERVIEW GIVEN BY GULF AIR MANAGING DIRECTOR AND THEN ATTEMPTS  
TO REFUTE, POINT BY POINT, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS  
ON THE SUPERIORITY OF BOEING OVER BAC PRODUCTS.

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